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SUBJECT: U.S. PRISONERS: DEVELOPMENTS ON EXTORTION ATTEMPT
IN SANTA CRUZ

REF: LA PAZ 5773

1. CONSUL KEMP REMAINED IN SANTA CRUZ UNTIL JULY 26 AND
WAS REPLACED BY VICE-CONSUL RANDOLPH WHO FLEW TO SANTA CRUZ
JULY 27. HE WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL JULY 30 WHEN HE WILL
FLY TO COCHABAMBA TO ATTEND HEARING IN GUIDA/THOMAS/ABRAHAMS
CASE.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE WITH KEMP AND
RANDOLPH AT LEAST TWICE DAILY AND SANTA CRUZ PRISONERS
REMAIN IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS.

3. MENACHO AND ORTIZ JUSTINIANO WERE NOT PICKED UP BY THE
POLICE UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER JULY 25, BECAUSE MENACHO AT
LEAST APPEARED AT THE PRISON ON THAT DAY AND TALKED TO
CUNNINGHAM AND MARRERO. HOWEVER, THEY WERE NOT SEEN AT
THE PRISON JULY 27. SUBSECRETARY OF JUSTICE BALLIVIAN
ON JULY 26 TOLD CONSUL MILBURN THAT THEY HAD BEEN PICKED
UP AND WERE ON THEIR WAY TO LA PAZ. AS YET WE HAVE NO
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FEEDBACK FROM THEIR INTERROGATION BUT WILL REPORT ANY
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. COPIES
OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED FROM SANTA
CRUZ PRISONERS ON EXTORTION ATTEMPT TOGETHER WITH
TRANSLATIONS INTO SPANISH WERE GIVEN TO SUB-SECRETARY
BALLIVIAN JULY 26.

4. IN NEW DEVELOPMENT, KEMP WAS GIVEN CASSETTE TAPE RECORDED SURREPTITIOUSLY BY MARRERO OF CONVERSATION WITH MENACHO. CONTENTS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND BUT WE HAVE TAKEN LEGAL ADVISER QUINTANILLA INTO OUR CONFIDENCE ON EXTORTION ATTEMPT AND HE IS STUDYING TAPE JULY 28.

5. MRS. SHEA, CUNNINGHAM'S MOTHER, HAS BEEN WITH PRISONERS IN SANTA CRUZ FOR LAST FEW DAYS AND WILL REMAIN THROUGH AUGUST 1. SHE IS STAYING AT HOTEL ACROSS STREET FROM PRISON AND WE HAVE ALSO TALKED TO HER BY PHONE.

6. EMBASSY NOW PLANNING SEND VICE-CONSUL BLOHM TO SANTA RUZ MONDAY OR TUESDAY BUT DEPENDING ON INFORMATION WE MAY RECEIVE JULY 29 FROM MINISTER OF INTERIOR MAY CHANGE DATE OF HIS TRIP.

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